post of Medical Superintendent, Ayurvedic Hospital. There is no institution by the name of Indian Council of Research in Ayurveda under this Department.

(b) Care has been taken to ensure improvement in efficiency.

(c) and (d) Adviser (Ayurveda) is the senior most officer in his cadre. The post of Medical Superintendent has been advertised for filling it on regular basis through UPSC.

Concealing facts by ICMR Scientists

5080. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists of ICMR have caused losses of crores of rupees to Government by concealing facts to continue field station of Integrated Disease Vector Control Programme throughout the country as reproted in the Statesman dated 11th April, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) the total funds allocated by Government for the said project, so far;

(d) whether the closure of the project mentioned in part (a) above was recommended by two high powered committees in 1994 and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;

(e) whether Government propose to probe the misuse of funds by certain officials; and

(f) if so, by when and the action Government propose to take against those involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

C.G.H.S. recognised hospitals in Gurgaon and Faridabad

5081. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 38, in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 2000 and state the names of recognised private hospitals in Gurgaon and Faridabad for treatment of C.G.H.S. beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): Only one hospital *viz* Escorts hospital and Research Centre, Faridabad, is a recognised private hospital for general prupose treatment and diagnostic procedures for CGHS beneficiaries as no other hospital at Gurgaon and Faridabad had applied for recognition under CGHS in 1994. The CGHS beneficiaries of Gurgaon and Faridabad can however, avail of medical facilities from 24 private hospitals and diagnostic centres recognised under CGHS, Delhi.

Medical care for rural areas

5082. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that health care system is not functioning as envisaged and most of the dispensaries, especially in rural areas remain non-functional;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any guidelines or instructions to State Governments with a view to ensure that people in semi-urban and rural areas get medical care and attention from Government dispensaries; and

(c) whether help of the Medical Council of India or similar organizations has been sought in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The health care in the rural areas is provide through three-tier system of Sub-Centre, Primary Health Centre and Community Health Centre. The total number of Sub-Centres. PHCs and CHCs functioning in the country are 137006, 2319 and 2913 respectively. However, the Government is well aware of the fact that there is a shortfall in infrastructure and manpower in the primary health care system.

(b) Yes, Sir. The State Governments have been given targets to set-up centres during Ninth Five-Year Plan. The State Governments are also directed to fill-up the vacancies of doctors and para-medical personnel from time to time. Under Reproductive and Child Health Programme, to strengthen the Primary Health Care the Central Government is assisting the State Governments by authorising contractual appointments of essential staff, supply of medical kits, provision of training and civil works. Some of the state have also made the rural service obligatory for new graduates for at least two-three years.